

ALIVE  
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CHRIST



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## GATHERED BY GOD FOR WORSHIP

Welcome

Call to Worship

Matthew 11:28-30

Song of Praise

*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Prayer of Adoration

Song of Praise

*The Goodness of Jesus*

## RENEWED BY GOD THROUGH GRACE

Confession of Sin

Psalm 69:5-6a

Declaration of Grace

Psalm 65:1-4

Songs of Renewal & Gratitude

*The Lord Is My Salvation*

*Jesus Paid It All*

## SET APART BY GOD

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## SENT BY GOD

Song of Response

*In Christ Alone*

Blessing

<b>General Offering: March 29 - April 4.....</b>	<b>\$ 26,424</b>
Weekly Budget Need.....	\$ 26,808
Last Week's Deficit .....	(\$ 384)
Budget Deficit (YTD) .....	(\$ 91,317)

This information can also be found at [valleysprings.org](http://valleysprings.org)

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# READINGS

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

<sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

- Matthew 11:28-30 (*English Standard Version*)

## CONFESSION OF SIN

<sup>5</sup> O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you. <sup>6</sup> Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, O Lord God of hosts...

- Psalm 69:5-6a (*English Standard Version*)

## DECLARATION OF GRACE

<sup>1</sup> Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. <sup>2</sup> O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. <sup>3</sup> When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. <sup>4</sup> Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

- Psalm 65:1-4 (*English Standard Version*)

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### Question 38:

What is prayer?

### Answer:

Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving.

Psalm 62:8 - Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

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# READINGS

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## SCRIPTURE

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

- Colossians 1:1-2 (*English Standard Version*)

## REFLECTION QUOTES

<sup>5</sup>Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, <sup>6</sup>which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth...

- The Apostle Paul, Colossians 1:5-6 (*English Standard Version*)

<sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

- The Apostle Paul, Colossians 3:15-16 (*English Standard Version*)

In his greeting, Paul wishes the Colossians “grace...and peace from God” (1:2b). Paul has substituted a Christian epistolary blessing for the conventional Roman one (“greetings!”). “Grace” in Paul is a significant concept, here signifying God’s kind, saving disposition toward those in Christ. The Greek term for “peace” almost always translates the Old Testament’s shalom, which conveys more than the absence of conflict. Rather, it signifies wholeness, order, and sound relationship with God. Christians now enjoy this undeserved peace (1:21-22; Romans 5:1). Yet Paul desires his audience to experience more of God’s grace and peace.

- Christopher Beatham, *Knowing the Bible: Colossians* (p. 13)

Within the life of the church, then, the letter to the Colossians will always have an important part to play. We, too, need to become mature as Christians and as human beings. We need to grow in our knowledge of who God is, of what he has done for us in Jesus Christ, and of how we can express our gratitude in worship and life. We, too, need the warning that true maturity, whether Christian or human, is not to be had by any other road. We are not Colossians, but we are Christians. Therein lies the problem of hermeneutics, and its solution.

- N.T. Wright, *Tyndale New Testament Commentaries: Colossians* (p. 43)

# SERMON OUTLINE

## Greetings of Grace and Peace

*Colossians 1:1-2*

*Paul greets the church of Colossae with Grace and Peace. (Colossians 1:1-2)*

**What does it look like for us to live in the Grace and Peace of Christ?**

**We RECEIVE Christ's Grace and Peace...** (Colossians 1:1-2)

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**We REFLECT Christ's Grace and Peace...** (Colossians 1:1-2)

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## REFLECTION QUESTIONS (taken in part from the Serendipity Study Bible for Groups)

- What attracts you to certain strangers? What makes it easy to connect with some people that you have never met before? Can you think of anyone you had an immediate connection to?
- Paul hasn't met these believers (2:1), yet he is attracted to them. Why? What qualities of this church would attract you most?
- Paul wrote the book of Colossians in response to false teaching (experts are not certain on the specific false teaching). Why do you think Paul introduced himself as an "apostle of Christ Jesus" to the gathered Colossian disciples? What is an "apostle"?
- Timothy is named as Paul's coauthor in this book, but then is not mentioned anywhere else in this letter. In light of the last sentence of Colossians (4:18), what role do you think Timothy played in the composition of this letter? In view of Paul's unapologetic reliance on faithful coworkers to advance the gospel, what might the implications be for Christian life and ministry today?
- What might it look like for you to receive the grace and peace of Christ in your everyday life?
- What might it look like for you to reflect the grace and peace of Christ in your everyday life?
- Try reading (or listening) through the whole book of Colossians in one sitting this week. Take note of the words, phrases, and themes that stand out to you. (It only takes about 20 minutes to read or listen to the whole book.)

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# SONGS

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## **10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)**

*(Words & Music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman, 2011)*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come;  
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending ten thousand years,  
And then forevermore!

## **THE GOODNESS OF JESUS**

*(Words and Music by Michael Farren, Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson)*

Come you weary heart now to Jesus; come you anxious soul now and see.  
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears, rest here in His wondrous peace.

*Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus  
Satisfied he is all that I need  
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days  
In the goodness of Jesus*

Come find what this world cannot offer; come and find your joy here complete.  
Taste the living water, never thirst again. Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Come and find your hope now in Jesus; He is all he said he would be.  
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart. Rest here in His wondrous peace.

## **THE LORD IS MY SALVATION** *(Words and Music by Frank Houghton)*

The grace of God has reached for me, and pulled me from the raging sea.  
And I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: The Lord is my salvation.

*Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won: The Lord is my salvation.*

My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word.  
When winter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my salvation.

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In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak.  
I know His grace will renew these days: The Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach the final day, He will not leave me in the grave.  
But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my salvation.

Glory be to God, the Father, glory be to God, the Son,  
Glory be to God, the Spirit: The Lord is our salvation.

## JESUS PAID IT ALL

*(Words: Elvina M. Hall, 1865 / Music: John T. Grape, 1868 / Bridge: Alex Nifong, 2006)*

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."

*Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe.*

*Sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.*

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone.

And when before the throne I stand in him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.

Oh praise the one who paid my debt,  
Who raised this life up from the dead.

## IN CHRIST ALONE (Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, 2002)

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious Day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE:** Beginning today, we have shifted our service times in order to prepare for warmer weather, and the expanded opportunity to use our building. Gospel Formation continues at 9am, livestreamed as usual, and now also open for in-person attendance in the Chapel. Ignition (middle school) and U4IC (high school) will gather for "The Breakfast Club" in the Youth Room from 9am-9:45am. They'll study God's word and eat breakfast together before attending the worship service. At 9:15am, our "Family Worship Fifteen" will meet in a slightly expanded format. At 10am, we will all gather together for worship on the back lawn and via livestream. Don't forget to arrive a little early to grab a drink from "On Site Coffee", open every Sunday morning!

**PARK DATES:** Join other Valley Springs' moms for fellowship and playtime for our kids. Mondays from 3pm-5pm on April 12<sup>th</sup> (Maidu Park) and May 10<sup>th</sup> (Royer Park).

**MEN'S MINISTRY:** All Valley Springs men are invited for breakfast, Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 8am, on the Basketball Court. The Saturday men's Bible study begins 33theseries: Volume 2 on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am. Registration and more info at: [valleysprings.org/men](http://valleysprings.org/men).

**VALLEY SPRINGS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL:** Our weekday preschool program for 3's, 4's, and 5-year-olds. Registration for the 2021-22 school year is now open. See [www.valleyspringschristianpreschool.org](http://www.valleyspringschristianpreschool.org) or contact Danya Schulte: [danya@valleysprings.org](mailto:danya@valleysprings.org) / (916) 786-7940 x106.

**TEXT-TO-GIVE:** A new option to make giving easier. Simply text "give" to (669) 333-5880. You'll be asked to fill out a quick form to get set up for the first time. After that, giving is as easy as sending a text. Try it today!

*For more information, visit [www.valleysprings.org](http://www.valleysprings.org)*

## OUR MISSION

Valley Springs Presbyterian Church is an intergenerational community of grace, learning to love God, and serve our world, together.

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